

Careers in Medicine

Discussion Suggestions for Students and Faculty.

How do physicians find a professional 'niche'? Students and faculty are encouraged to explore this issue during their time together in family medicine. A good time for this would be over a meal or at the end of a clinic session. Following are 10 questions we encourage students to ask family medicine faculty:

1. What drew you to **medicine** as a career?
2. What drew you to **family medicine**?
3. How did you choose the particular **location** where you practice?
4. What do you find especially **rewarding** about your job?
5. Could you tell me about your **typical day**?
6. How has medicine **changed** since you entered it?
7. For me, an important characteristic of medicine is _____. What **role** does a family physician play in it?
8. Can you recall some **memorable experiences** with patients around any of these events: birth, chronic illness, loss/death?
9. How have you **made a difference** in your community?
10. How do you **keep up with change** in medicine?

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